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SUBJECT: EAP DAS WIEDEMANN RAISES HARRY WU AND CHEN

ZIMING CASES WITH CHINESE CHARGE ZHOU

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SUMMARY

2. EAP DAS KENT WIEDEMANN SUMMONED CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ZHOU WENZHONG TO THE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 27 TO DELIVER A DEMARCHE ABOUT CONSULAR ACCESS TO DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZEN HARRY WU, AND TO RAISE HIGH-LEVEL CONCERNS ABOUT THE RE-ARREST OF DISSIDENT CHEN ZIMING. WITH RESPECT TO THE HARRY WU CASE, WIEDEMANN NOTED CHINESE ADHERENCE SO FAR TO OUR BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION BUT ALSO NOTED HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT MR. WU.S CASE. HE DEMANDED PROMPT CONSULAR ACCESS TO MR. WU, AND ADVOCATED HIS OUICK RELEASE AND DEFARTURE FROM CHINA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO CHEN ZIMING'S RE-ARREST ON JUNE 25, CONFIDENTIAL

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WIEDEMANN UNDERSCORED THE PERSONAL INTEREST OF THE
PRESIDENT IN MR. CHEN'S CASE, AND THE HIGH-LEVEL
ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN MR. CHEN'S
STATUS. WIEDEMANN APPEALED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR
CHEN ZIMING'S RELEASE FOR CONTINUED MEDICAL TREATMENT.
CHARGE ZHOU REPLIED

(SEPTEL WILL

REPORT WIEDEMANN'S DEMARCHE TO CHARGE ZHOW ON NORTH KOREA). END SUMMARY.

HARRY WU DETENTION: EAP DAS WIEDEMANN STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT CONSULAR ACCESS

4. EAP DAS KENT M. WIEDEMANN SUMMONED PRC CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ZHOU WENZHONG TO THE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 27 TO

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RECEIVE DEMARCHES ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS. ZHOU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR (AND ACTING DCM) LU SHUMIN AND SECOND SECRETARY ZHENG ZEGUANG. CA/OCS OFFICER MONICA GAW AND EAP/CM OFFICERS DIANE KELLY AND JOHN FOARDE ALSO ATTENDED.

5. WIEDEMANN RAISED THE DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN PETER H. WU, ALSO KNOWN AS HARRY WU. NOTING OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. WU HAD BEEN DETAINED WHILE APPLYING FOR ENTRY IN NORTHWEST CHINA, WIEDEMANN NOTED THAT U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIALS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED ON JUNE 23, REQUESTED CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSULAR ACCESS ON JUNE 26 AND NOW AWAIT ACCESS PURSUANT
TO OUR BILATERAL CONSULAR AGREEMENT. WIEDEMANN EMPHASIZED
THAT MR. WU'S WHEREABOUTS AND STATUS WERE MATTERS OF
PUBLIC, CONGRESSIONAL, AND WHITE HOUSE CONCERN. HE
FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS
PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN MR. WU'S CASE, AND HAS REQUESTED
FREQUENT UPDATES. WIEDEMANN SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE
CONSULAR MINCOUNS IN BEIJING HAD CALLED ON SENIOR MFA
CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, CERTAIN INFORMATION
--SUCH AS CHARGES, WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS-- HAD NOT BEEN

FORTHCOMING. DAS WIEDEMANN NOTED THAT MR. WU HAS A PAINFUL CHRONIC BACK PROBLEM WHICH MAY REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION. WIEDEMANN NOTED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. WU HAD ENTERED CHINA WITH A VALID U.S. PASSPORT AND A VALID PRC VISA. HE DEMANDED EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF ANY SPECIFIC CHARGES LODGED AGAINST MR. WU. WIEDEMANN ALSO URGED CHINA TO RELEASE MR. WU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO HE CAN RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. BOTH THE U.S. AND CHINA HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROMPT CONCLUSION OF THIS EPISODE, SO THAT WE CAN RETURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANT WORK OF RESTORING MOMENTUM TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, WIEDEMANN SAID.

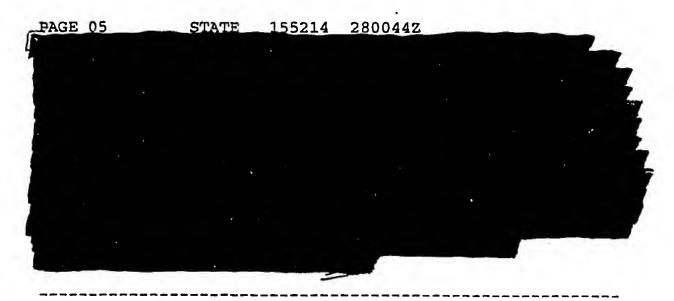


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CHEN ZEMIN RE-ARREST: APPEAL FOR RELEASE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS

7. WIEDEMANN ALSO RAISED U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEWS THAT DISSIDENT INTELLECTUAL CHEN ZIMING'S MEDICAL FAROLE HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND THAT HE HAD BEEN RETURNED TO PRISON TO SERVE OUT HIS 1991 SENTENCE. EMPHASIZING OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN IMPROVED TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN CHINA JAILED SOLELY FOR THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF THEIR POLITICAL OR SOCIAL VIEWS, WIEDEMANN SAID THE U.S. WISHED TO FOCUS AT PRESENT ON THE CASE OF CHEN ZIMING. WIEDEMANN STRESSED THAT WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN CHEN'S CASE IS

INTENSE. PRESIDENT CLINTON IS VERY CONCERNED, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE HE WAS INVOLVED LAST YEAR IN ASKING PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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JIANG --TWICE-- FOR CHEN'S PAROLE ON MEDICAL GROUNDS AS
PERMITTED UNDER CHINESE LAW. HE ASKED SEVERAL TIMES

DURING THE DAY FOR DETAILS ON CHEN'S CASE, WIEDEMANN

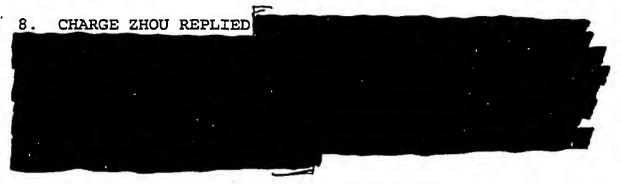
SAID. THE WHITE HOUSE HAD UNDERSTOOD CHEN'S PAROLE TO BE
UNCONDITIONAL, SO IT WAS DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT THE

PAROLE HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND CHEN HAS BEEN RETURNED TO

PRISON. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO WHEN THERE CONTINUES TO

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BE EVIDENCE THAT CHEN HAS SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH THE UNTIED STATES DOES NOT SEEK TO INTERFERE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WIEDEMANN SAID, WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN CHEN'S CASE WILL NECESSARILY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. THUS, WIEDEMANN SAID. THE U.S. APPEALS TO CHINA ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TO RELEASE CHEN ZIMING AND RESTORE HIS MEDICAL PAROLE STATUS.



9. DAS WIEDEMANN AND CHARGE ZHOU ALSO HAD AN EXCHANGE ON NORTH KOREA, WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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